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STAFF STUDY: Survey of Alerting Procedures in Intelligence

PROBLEM: Ascertain the procedures, and the conditions presupposed by these procedures, now in existence throughout the Government intelligence structure for handling information and intelligence indicating immediate danger to the security of the United States.

FACTS:

1. Paragraph 6, NSCID No. 1 defines the responsibilities of the IAC members and the DCI in the event a crisis situation arises. (Tab A)

2. The IAC on 7 December 1950 established a permanent Watch Committee, the purpose of which is to evaluate all incoming information and to alert the IAC to imminent hostile Communist military action.

3. The IAC agencies have recognized their individual responsibilities in response to crisis situations and have issued directives accordingly.

DISCUSSION:

1. It is essential that the DCI have maximum assurance that alerting mechanisms throughout intelligence are adequate to meet any foreign crisis situation.

2. A fact-finding survey to determine that all eventualities have been considered should be undertaken by CIA with the cooperation of the IAC members and other Government organizations as appropriate.

3. To be effective this survey must begin at the point of receipt of incoming information and examine all steps in its routing. The survey will point up gaps in existing procedures should any gaps exist, and will bring together in one place the details of these procedures.

4. The Assistant Director, Current Intelligence will accept responsibility for this survey and is prepared to designate [redacted] formerly Special Assistant to the Deputy Director/Intelligence, as the officer to conduct the survey.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the DCI approve the undertaking of subject survey.
2. That the IAC members be advised of this survey and that their cooperation be requested. (Tab B)

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Assistant Director
Current Intelligence

Date JUN 11 1953

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Recommend Approval:

Deputy Director, Intelligence

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, and for the purposes enunciated in paragraphs (d) and (e) thereof, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that:

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6. Whenever any member of the Intelligence Advisory Committee obtains information that indicates an impending crisis situation, such as the outbreak of hostilities involving the United States, or a condition which affects the security of the United States to such an extent that immediate action or decision on the part of the President or the National Security Council seems to be required, he shall immediately furnish the information to the other members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee as well as to other officials or agencies as may be indicated by the circumstances. The Director of Central Intelligence shall immediately convene the Intelligence Advisory Committee. After receiving the views of the Intelligence Advisory Committee members, the Director of Central Intelligence shall promptly prepare and disseminate the national intelligence estimate in accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

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MEMORANDUM TO IAC AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Survey of Alerting Procedures in Intelligence

1. NSCID No. 1 assigns specific responsibilities to the IAC and its member agencies in the event that information is received indicating impending foreign crisis situations or foreign conditions that affect the security of the United States to such an extent that immediate action or decision on the part of the President or the National Security Council seems to be required.

2. Although alerting procedures exist in each agency, the Director of Central Intelligence desires that these procedures be reviewed as a whole periodically in order that the Director and the IAC may have maximum assurance of the effectiveness of procedures for handling emergency situations.

3. Accordingly, the DCI proposes that the IAC collaborate in a fact-finding survey on this subject. He has assigned responsibility to the Assistant Director, Current Intelligence, who has designated [redacted] as the Intelligence Officer to conduct the survey.

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4. It would be appreciated if each member would inform the Secretary of his concurrence in this proposal and designate an officer who could work closely with [redacted]

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Secretary
Intelligence Advisory Committee

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